

# Four Old English Carols

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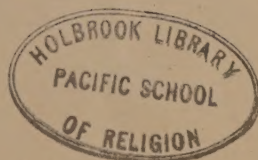
## Gustav von Holst.

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No 1. A babe is born.....

No 2. Now let us sing.....

No 3. Jesu, Thou the virgin-born...  
(Jhesu, fili virgine.)

No 4. In Bethlehem, that noble place.  
(Salvator mundi natus est.)



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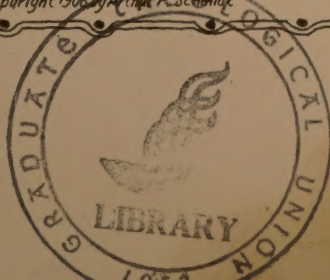
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## Four Old English Carols

I  
A Babe is born

GUSTAV von HOLST

Andante  $\text{♩} = 69$ 

SOP. SOLO

A Babe is born all of a May,  
There came three kings out of the East To

In the sal-va-tion of us. — To Him we sing both night and day  
wor-ship the King so high: — With gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense

Lento

CHORUS

Andante

Ve - ni cre - a - tor spi - ri - tus. —  
Sa - viour di - vine and glo - ri - ous. —  
A so - lis or - tus car - di - ne. —  
Un - to the man - ger came they nigh. —



At Beth - le - hem, that bless - ed place, The  
The shep - herds heard an an - gel cry, A

child of bliss was born. Him to serve God give us grace  
mer - ry song sung he. Why are ye so sore a - ghaſt?

*Lento* 1 Andante 2 Più Mosso

O lux be - a - ta tri - ni - tas. \_\_\_\_\_  
O light be - ſtow - ing Trin - i - ty. \_\_\_\_\_  
Jam or - tus so - lis car - di - ne. \_\_\_\_\_  
Here is the child ye fain would ſee. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Andante 2 Più Mosso

*mf cresc.*

(In unison) *f*

The an - gel came down with a cry, A

fair song then sung he, In the wor - ship

*Lento* *ff*

of that child, Glo - ri - a ti - bi Dom - in - e. ———  
 Un - to Thee Sa - viour glo - ry be. ———

*Lento* *ff*



II  
Now let us sing

GUSTAV von HOLST

[illegible]

*SOP. SOLO*

301. 302.

1. Now let us sing with joy and mirth, In hon-our of the Lord-ès birth, His  
2. For you were all by sin for-lorn, This babe to you that now is born Shall

love and His hu - man-i - ty, That gave Him-self for us to die.  
make you safe and for you die, And you re - store to lib - er - ty.

The image shows a musical score for a piece titled "The Swan" by Charles-Louis Hanon, Op. 10, No. 12. The score is written for piano and is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of 12 measures. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The piece is marked "dim." (diminuendo) in the final measure.

*SOP. I* *Tutti* *mf*  
 By A-dam we were all for-lorn, But now Christ Je - sus  
 This babe for you did shed His blood And suf - fered death up -

*SOP. I* *p*  
 By A-dam we were all for-lorn, But now Christ Je - sus  
 This babe for you did shed His blood And suf - fered death up -

*ALTO* *p*  
 By A-dam we were all for-lorn, But now Christ Je - sus  
 This babe for you did shed His blood And suf - fered death up -

to us born Has freed us from cap - tiv - i - tie, And  
 on the rood; And for His great hu - man - i - ty Ex -

to us born Has freed us from cap - tiv - i - tie, And  
 on the rood; And for His great hu - man - i - ty Ex -

van - quished has our e - ne - mie.  
 alt - ed is His maj - es - ty.

van - quished has our e - ne - mie.  
 alt - ed is His maj - es - ty.

*pp*



*mp*

The an-gels sang with mer-ri-ness, Un-to the shep-herds  
And now He is our Ad-vo-cate, He prays for us both

*pp*

The an-gels sang with mer-ri-ness Un-to the shepherds more or less, And  
And now He is our Ad-vo-cate, He prays for us both aire and late, This

*pp*

The an-gels sang with mer-ri-ness, Un-to the shep-herds  
And now He is our Ad-vo-cate, He prays for us both

more or less, And bade them of good com-fort be For  
aire and late, This can the scrip-ture ver-i-fy So

bade them of good com-fort be, of good com-fort be For  
can the scrip-ture ver-i-fy, scrip-ture ver-i-fy So

more or less, And bade them of good com-fort be For Christ-ès  
aire and late, This can the scrip-ture ver-i-fy So far as

Christ-ès new na-tiv-i-tie.  
far as an-y man is He.

new na-tiv-i-tie.  
an-y man is He.

*pp*



## III

## Jesu, Thou the Virgin-born

Lento  $\text{♩} = 56$ 

GUSTAV von HOLST

SOP. I  
SOP. II*SOLO*

Jhe - su, of a mai - den thou wast born, To  
Then for us He shed His blood, And

ALTO

save man-kind that was for - lorn, All for our sins.  
al - so died He on the rood, All for our sins.

*TUTTI*

*pp*  
Jhe - su fi - li vir - gin - e, mis - er - er - i  
Je - su, Thou the vir - gin - born, hear Thy chil - dren

*pp*  
Jhe - su fi - li vir - gin - e, mis - er - er - i  
Je - su, Thou the vir - gin - born, hear Thy chil - dren

*pp (For practice only)*



no - bis.  
call - ing.

*SOLO p*

no - bis.  
call - ing.

With in a cra - dle He was laid; Both  
And then to hell He took the way To

ox and ass with Him played With joy and bliss.  
ran - som them that there did lay, With joy and bliss.

*TUTTI pp*

Jhe - su fi - li vir - gin - e, mis - er - er - i no - bis.  
Je - su, Thou the vir - gin - born hear Thy chil - dren call - ing.

*pp*

Jhe - su fi - li vir - gin - e, mis - er - er - i no - bis.  
Je - su, Thou the vir - gin - born hear Thy chil - dren call - ing.

*pp (For practice only)*

## IV

## The Saviour of the world is born

## SALVATOR MUNDI NATUS EST

GUSTAV von HOLST

Un poco Vivace  $\text{♩} = 100$ 

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In Beth - le - hem, that no - ble place,

*p*

As by proph - e - cy said it was, Of Vir - gin Ma - ry full of grace, Sal -

*The*

*cresc.* *f*

va - tor Mun - di na - tus est. Be we mer - ry

Sa - viour of the world is born.

*cresc.* *f* *p.*

in this feast, In quo Sal - va - tor na - tus est. —

In which the Sa - viour Christ is born. —

*dim.*

In this carol the verses may either be sung by the whole or half the choir or by a solo voice.  
Each refrain is to be sung by the whole choir.



*p*

On Christ-mas night an an - gel told, To shep-herds watch-ing  
Then com-passed were the shep-herds quite, A - round them shone a

*p*

*crese.*

o'er their fold, "In Beth - le - hem with beast - ies wolde, {Sal -  
great light- "Dread ye naught," said the an - gel bright, {The

*crese.*

*f*

va - tor mun - di na - tus est." Be we mer - ry  
Sa - viour of the world is born.

*f*

*p.* *p.* *p.* *p.*

in this feast, In quo Sal - va - tor na - tus est.  
In which the Sa - viour Christ is born.

*dim.*

*p*

Be-hold to you we bring great joy, For why?— Je-sus is born to-day, To  
 "And thus in faith find Him ye shall,— Ly-ing poor-ly in ox-en stall." The

*cresc.*

us, of Ma-ry that ho-ly May, {Sal-va-tor mun-di na-tus est.—  
 shep-herds laud-ed God all Quia, (the Sa-viour of the world is born.  
*For*

*cresc.*

*ff*

Be we mer-ry in this feast, In quo Sal-va-tor  
 In which the Sa-viour

*ff*

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na-tus est. — est. —  
 Christ is born. — born. —

8

*dim.*



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